

Dear Transportation Committee Members,

As a state, Connecticut is far behind others in adopting healthy and sustainable transportation methods such as walking and biking. Our cities and towns are saddled with outmoded infrastructure that puts car travel above all other modes for both speed and safety. The clamor for Complete Streets for all road users is real, and folks choose other states for quality of life issues just like this.

When someone chooses Boston over Hartford or New Haven, it isn't because Boston has a lower cost or living. I work at Pratt & Whitney, and when we hire young engineers from MIT they pine for the walkable and bikable streets they left behind.

Please support the development of SB502 to increase our state-level championing of walkable and bikeable communities.

Thank you for consideration of this developing bill in committee. I look forward to reading the wording of the bill later in the session.

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